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1. YOU MAY CONFIRM TO AMB. HUMBERT THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO REPLACE YOU FOR FINAL WEEK OF LANGUAGE EXPERTS MEETINGS. YOU MAY TELL HIM ALSO THAT I EXPECT TO BE IN GENEVA ON FEBRUARY 17-19 AND WOULD APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO HIM THEN ABOUT ORGANIZATION AND WORK OF FINAL SESSION OF CONFERENCE. YOU MAY ALSO SAY THAT I EXPECT TO ATTEND OPENING OF CONFERENCE ON MARCH 17 AND TO REMAIN THROUGH MUCH OF DRAFTING COMMITTEE SESSIONS FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON SUBSTANCE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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2. IF OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF, YOU MIGHT USEFULLY SUGGEST TO HUMBERT THAT, INSTEAD OF CREATING A SPECIAL WORKING GROUP ON FINAL ARTICLES AND RESERVATIONS, THE ORDER OF WORK COULD BE CHANGED TO ENSURE THAT FINAL ARTICLES AND OTHER ESSENTIAL ARTICLES ARE DEALT WITH FIRST AND THAT NON-ESSENTIAL ARTICLES, SUCH AS RESERVATIONS, ARE

LEFT TO THE END. IF THERE IS NO TIME FOR THEM, THEIR ABSENCE WILL NOT PREVENT CONCLUSION OF PROTOCOL.

3. WITH RESPECT TO ARTICLE 1 ON WARS OF NATIONAL LIBERATION, YOU MAY TELL HUMBERT THAT WE HAVE MADE NO DECISION ON THIS, AND IT REMAINS UNDER REVIEW. CLEARLY IT IS AN UNFORTUNATE TEXT, BUT WE DO NOT EXPECT TO REOPEN IT SIMPLY TO EMPHASIZE OUR OBJECTIONS; WE WOULD TRY AT LEAST TO IMPROVE THE TEXT IF WE THOUGHT WE COULD SUCCEED.
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